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**Re: Designation of 129-131 Wellington Street
The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O.1990, c. 0.18**

Please find enclosed, for your information, a certified copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3409-332, entitled "A by-law to designate 129-131 Wellington Street to be of Historical and Cultural value", passed by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of The City of London on November 9, 2009 and registered as Instrument No. ER676614 on November 19, 2009.

The London Advisory Committee on Heritage will be contacting you at a later date to determine whether or not you wish to have a plaque mounted on this building to designate it as a site of Historical and Cultural value.

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

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Encl.

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A by-law to designate 129-131 Wellington Street to be of historical and contextual value or interest.

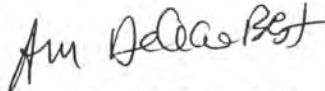
WHEREAS pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18, the Council of a municipality may by by-law designate a property including buildings and structures thereon to be of historic and contextual value or interest;

AND WHEREAS notice of intention to so designate the property known as 129-131 Wellington Street has been duly published and served and no notice of objection to such designation has been received;

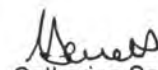
THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. There is designated as being of historical and contextual value or interest, the real property at 129-131 Wellington Street, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto, for the reasons set out in Schedule "B" hereto.
2. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered upon the title to the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper Land Registry Office.
3. The City Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the owner of the aforesaid property and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of this by-law to be published in the London Free Press, and to enter the description of the aforesaid property, the name and address of its registered owner, and short reasons for its designation in the Register of all properties designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
4. This by-law comes into force on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on November 9, 2009.



Anne Marie DeCicco-Best
Mayor



Catharine Saunders
City Clerk



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I, James C. Purser, Manager of Records Information of The Corporation of the City of London, hereby certify that the document hereunder is a true copy of By-law No. L.S.P.-3409-332 passed by Municipal Council on November 9, 2009.

Dated at London, Ontario, this 24th day of July, 2012.


James C. Purser
Manager of Records Information

First Reading – November 9, 2009
Second Reading – November 9, 2009
Third Reading – November 9, 2009

SCHEDULE "A"
To By-law No. L.S.P.-3409-332

Part of Lot 1 North Side of Hill Street West in the City of London and County of Middlesex as in Instrument LC152349.

SCHEDULE "B"
To By-law No. L.S.P.- 3409-332

Description of Property

The building located at 129-131 Wellington Street is building on part of Lot 1, North Side of Hill Street (west of Wellington Street) in the original 1829 survey for the Town of London.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Interest

129-131 Wellington Street is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a building of cultural heritage value. Completed in 1873, it was built by Henry Winder, a prominent local merchant in this Wellington Street neighbourhood. This building shows elements of Regency and Italianate style architecture and it is one of the few continuously-used wood frame construction commercial buildings in London.

The Winder family came to Canada from Ireland in the 1850's and settled in the Hill Street area of London. Henry Winder learned the family business of house painting from his father and he established a successful company decorating prominent homes in London, including the famed Tecumseh House. In 1873, he built 129-131 Wellington Street as a commercial/residential property with 129 being a grocery store which was operated by Henry's brother Edward and 131 housing the growing Winder family. In 1893, the store portion was rented to Rowland Hill Shoes. 131 Wellington Street continued as a residential unit, owned by the Winder family until 1973 when the entire building was converted to a flea market. The building [REDACTED] and it is rented as an antique shop.

The Winder family is a fine example of the industrious citizens who aided in the development of London's commercial districts. The numerous residences and businesses established by the Winders throughout the Wellington Street area remained in the family for generations, thus leaving an indelible mark on the community. The style and simple attractiveness of this building can be attributed to the Winder family whose long tradition of exterior home decoration is evident in their properties.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The most unique feature of this two-storey transitional Italianate building is the 28 centimeter wide flush board wood siding, an oddity for this design style. The heritage attributes include the following:

- symmetrical layout with similar windows on all four sides of the building
- low-pitched hip roof
- wood quoins on the corners that are visible from the street
- a decorated frieze under the eaves on all four sides
- segmental window and door openings

131 Wellington (the north portion) exhibits additional features as follows:

- the recessed front door case with geometric woodwork detail around the alcove
- woodwork in the bottom halves of the sidelights echoes the alcove detail
- the prominent front door is accented by large distinctive transom

129 Wellington was built for commercial use, so the recessed door is uniformly attached to a large display window. Both the door and the window have wood frames. The door has a six paned window panel.

A small-scale addition has been attached to the west side of the house and faux-brick asphalt covering (insulbrick) has been attached over the wood siding in the rear of the building. The fact that the wood siding has survived over a century of wear is a testament to the fine construction of this wooden structure.

The durability of the wood board siding is a testament to the craftsmanship of the builder and the fact that the exterior is in such excellent condition distinguishes the building as one of the oldest surviving wooden buildings in London.